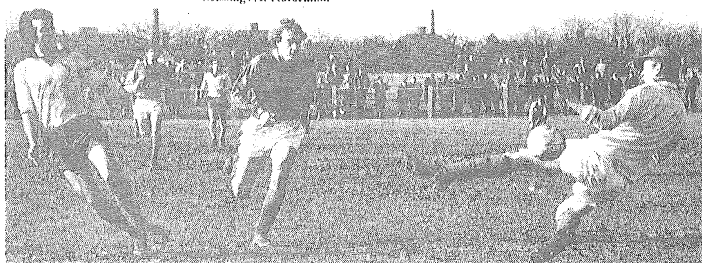




Wycombe Wanderers raise the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup in triumph after their hard earned 2-0 victory over Chalfont St Peter in Monday's final at Aylesbury. Back row (l. to r.): J. Readon (manager), P. Spittle, P. Birdseye, K. Mead, M. Hollifield, J. Priestley, U. Hall (coach). Front row (from l to r): R. Strong, D. Harris, G. Mackenzie, A. Phillips, D. Evans, H. Kennedy. Missing: A. Horseman.



Derek Harris clinches the Senior Cup for Wycombe by sending a well placed shot past Chalfont goalkeeper John Fancourt after a quick break upfield three minutes from time for the second goal.

Class tells in Berks and Bucks final

BLUES MAKE IT 21 WINS

CHALFONT ST. PETER 0 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2.

A GOAL at either end of the match assured Wycombe Wanderers of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup on Monday — their 21st win in this competition.

But the outcome does less than justice to Chalfont, who had fought their way through to their first ever Senior Cup Final, and were confident they could lift the cup.

In the event the match became predictable, perhaps because of a very tentative and nervous start and the loss of an early goal by Chalfont.

Conditions for good football were far from ideal with a strong rusting wind and a heavy, and in places very muddy ground.

Chalfont had the benefit of the strong wind in the first half but in three minutes they were a goal down. Dylan Evans collected a misplaced pass inside the Chalfont half made ground and passed to Derek Harris on the left of the penalty area. Harris' pace took him past Jim Lofly and he centred hard and low to Graham Mackenzie who had made an intelligent run down the centre of the field.

The two Chalfont central defenders were left stranded by the pass and Graham was left with only John Fancourt to beat who advanced from goal and to his credit managed to partly check the shot, but not sufficiently to prevent the ball entering the net.

This early goal could easily have shattered the morale of the Chalfont team, but they weathered the storm and could have been on equal terms in nine minutes. The strong gusting wind caused Alan Phillips to completely misjudge a header on the edge of the Wanderers penalty area and Dave Holt, was quickly through but his low shot was brilliantly diverted by the advancing Peter Spittle for a corner, which proved fruitless.

By midway through the half Chalfont had settled and played some neat football, while at the other end a sustained attack on the Chalfont goal brought shots by Harris, Evans and Horseman. All were beaten down, before finally Derek Harris shot high over the bar. A minute before half time Tony Horseman found himself clear but from point blank range John Fancourt made a magnificent save.

BEST SOCCER

Early Wycombe attacks after the restart came to nothing and for the next 10 minutes Chalfont

Woking good for a point in quagmire

WYCOMBE Wanderers and Woking played out their second draw of the season in appalling conditions at Loakes Park on Saturday.

There was considerable doubt before the start as to whether Mr R. Smith from Oxford would allow the game to go on, but it was to his credit that the gamble to play was taken.

But conditions under foot deteriorated throughout the match, and the centre circle was a veritable quagmire before the finish.

Because of the state of the pitch, the ball was very much end to end, skidding off the surface at great speed, putting good football at a premium.

Woking, who came to Wycombe with a fine league record over the last three months having only lost once — away at Dagenham — mounted the first dangerous attack after only three minutes. Steve Cosham shot low and hard, bringing the best from Peter Spittle, and after 17 minutes, Derek Cottrell, one of two ex-Wanderers in the Woking side, went very close after a defensive slip by Graham Mackenzie.

PROBLEMS

But things did not all go the visitors' way in the first half, and Paul Birdseye constantly joined the Wycombe attack down the right, giving problems to Ian McGonagle.

On 23 minutes, both Evans and Hollifield went close, and two minutes later Hollifield again sent Frank Parsons low to his right with a hard effort.

Wycombe Wanderers 0, Woking 0

Hollifield, playing in his normal position in midfield, was obviously happier than in previous weeks when he has been up front, and had a good match, creating chances for himself as well as his strikers.

Honours were even in the first period, but a minute before the break, John Priestley almost put the Wanderers ahead with a blistering shot from the edge of the penalty box.

A change came over the game in the second half. Woking began to take a grip on the midfield, and Dave Alexander in particular caused constant trouble to Wycombe with deep, penetrating passes to either flank.

The Blues' back four were pressed more and more into service. Fortunately for Wycombe Woking's finishing was poor, and in spite of many more attacks coming from the visitors, it was Parsons in the Woking goal who had the busier afternoon.

On 69 minutes, Evans charged down a poor clearance by Alan Turner mid-way in the Woking half, and only some fine work by McGonagle, getting back quickly, stopped Wycombe going ahead.

FREE KICK

On 82 minutes, Howard Kennedy who had come on for Horseman tried a free-kick over the wall, straight to Parsons. Oddly, an indirect free-kick had been given, so Parsons' save was unnecessary anyway.

For the last few minutes Wycombe suddenly took a grip on the game, and Keith Mead, Evans, Hollifield and Kennedy all made good efforts to break the deadlock.

In the last minute, Woking came so close to scoring. A long, looping shot from McGonagle from fully thirty yards out beat Spittle in the air, hitting the cross-bar and rebounding into play.

On balance, Woking had the better of the game, but with a lack of finishing on both sides, the 0-0 scoreline always seemed a possibility.